

### Ministerial Explanations in Parliament.

abrogate the requirements of the Congress of 1910.

which the peace of Europe depended. The Prussians and Austria withdraw their troops from Central Italy, and pledge themselves that under no circumstances, at any future time, should they return; the Congress then might, if it pleased, go into the question

some things were said of Poland and of modern Greece and of many other peoples among whom a sentiment of nationality survives the existence of the nation. Even in Ireland, in those times almost within our own recollection, when England was so ill-advised as to treat Irishmen as a subject race, there was a homely proverb constantly repeated in that island, that "if England want "ed to roast an Irishman there would always be a second " Irishman ready to turn the spit." Among every subject people some degenerate natives will be found ready to do the work of the foreign master. In the

the 8th and 9th squadrons of the 8th Hussars—the entire corps from Niort to Vesoul.  
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PARIS, Friday, April 15—6 p. m.

We were yesterday, I believe, within a few hours of a declaration of war on the part of Austria, and I regret to say that it is attributable to the procrastination of the Imperial Government of France. When the question of a disarmament was at first proposed, the popular opinion was against Austria, because she, the great Power, with vast armies, required, as the condi-

generally said that the long-promised provincial constitutions are about to see the light of day, but it will be a pity to remove them from their respective pigeon-holes if what has been told me respecting them is true. It is said that the members of the Provincial Estates are to be nominated by Government, and that they are only to deliberate on matters which are laid before them by the Stadtholders. Such constitution would be worse than none at all, and their publication would probably lead to a great political ferment from one extremity of the Empire to the other.

At the time of the explosion he was engaged in the carpenter's room, making a coffin for the child of a passenger, which had died during the day. He thinks the explosion occurred about 9 o'clock; the noise resembled the report of a cannon. William Few, chief engineer, well known among river men as "Uncle Billy," was on duty at the time, and Jackson thinks they were going at the usual down-river speed. Jackson seized a plank and jumped overboard. The boat's stern was up stream, and the impetus given his plank carried him a short distance from the boat, but the ear